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SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON
NEGOTIATIONS AT NOON BRIEFING FEBURARY 24:

1. AMBASSADORS ELLSWORTH BUNKER AND SOL M. LINOWITZ, U.S.
NEGOTIATORS FOR A NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATY, RETURNED
YESTERDAY FROM A WEEK OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PANAMANIAN
DELEGATION ON CONTADORA ISLAND IN THE GULF OF PANAMA.

2. THESE TALKS MARKED THE FIRST OFFICIAL U.S. NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PANAMA ON THE CANAL ISSUE SINCE THE CARTER ADMINIS-
TRATION TOOK OFFICE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS EMPHASIZED THE
NEED TO NEGOTIATE A TREATY WITH PANAMA WHICH MEETS THAT
COUNTRY'S ASPIRATIONS WHILE PROTECTING U.S. INTERESTS IN A
SECURE, FREE AND OPEN PANAMA CANAL.

3. IN PAST MONTHS, SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON
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A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES SURROUNDING A NEW TREATY. THE
NEGOTIATORS REPORTED PROGRESS DURING THE PAST WEEK IN
CLEARLY DEFINING EACH COUNTRY'S POSITION ON THE MOST DIFFI-
CULT ISSUES INVOLVING THE DURATION OF A NEW TREATY AND THE

PROPER ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THE NEUTRALITY AND SECURITY
OF THE CANAL.

4. THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS ARE EXPECTED TO REPORT DETAILS OF THE SESSIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS. A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING WITH PANAMA WILL BE SET AFTER A CAREFUL EVALUATION OF THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

5. THE TALKS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY THE NEGOTIATORS AS FRANK AND OPEN. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS DESCRIBED AS BUSINESS-LIKE AND MARKED BY A CONCERTED EFFORT TO REACH A TIMELY AND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ACCORD.
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